Campus Announcements

- April 26-27 are dead days with final exams running from April 30-May 2.
- Students who have pre-registered for fall 2012 semester classes before noon on April 28 will have their names placed into a drawing for four $50 cash prizes and four $5 gift certificates to *The Mill*. Additionally, those who have completed both pre-registration and a payment plan will be placed in a drawing to win four $50 cash prizes, a $200 scholarship and an iPad. There will also be a $100 cash drawing for the division that has the highest percentage of pre-registered students and a $25 gift card for the advisor who has the highest percentage of advisees pre-registered by April 28.
- The Campus Store will hold its *End of School* sale April 30-May 6. Textbook buyback is from May 1-3.
- Aaron Kent will guide “Geared up for God Adventure!” at New Beginnings Ranch June 8-13. The camping trip costs $125 and will include hiking, rock climbing in Moab, Utah, and special worships at the ranch. For more information visit www.FindGodatNBR.org or call 402.430.0211.

Campus News

- Kelli Akioka, Tanya Cochran, Jessica Leccese and Ben Tyner attended and presented papers at the national conference of the Popular and American Culture Association in Boston April 11-14. In her paper “A People Expressed: The Revitalization of Scottish Nationalism,” Akioka explored the connections between Scottish identity after the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745, Romanticism and contemporary nostalgic fantasy novels. Cochran presented work related to her ongoing interest in paratextual studies, particularly as they relate to audience reception and the television series *Fringe*. Leccese shared an analysis of Christian rhetoric surrounding the popular young adult series in her paper “What’s the Deal with Harry Potter: Shedding Light on Christian Perspectives.” Finally, Ben Tyner shared a portion of his current dissertation chapter in his presentation “Crusaders Demobilized: The Meaning of Martyrs after the Crimean War.”
- The Union College Heritage Collections are going online with a new database at http://cdm15913.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/. The database includes photographs from the general photograph collection, the Medical Cadet Corps collection and the John W. Fulk collection that document the history of Union College, the College View community and Medical Cadet Corps programs around the world.
- The library has a new exhibit featuring Judson N. Durrant, tenor. Durrant was a music educator and performer who frequently sang at College View church while his wife, Laurice, was chair of the Union College Division of Nursing from 1985-1990. Although he never taught at Union, Durrant was a known part of the community and the Judson N. Durrant Music Scholarship at Union College is named for him. Following his death, his wife gave a substantial portion of his music collection to the Union College music department. Some of this music is featured in the exhibit, as well as pictures, newspaper reviews and recital programs.
- Courtney Dupper has been accepted into Boston University to study Biomedical Forensic Science and into the University of New Haven, Conn. Ashley Dove has been accepted into Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions. Drake Ashton, Chris Daum, Elena Morak and Keri Skau have been accepted into Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Tanner Huckabee, Ben Korf, Ellen Norton and Amber Warholoski have been accepted into the Union College Physician Assistant Program. Congratulations to all Union College graduates, whether they are continuing in education or entering the professional world.
- Michelle Buller, Jodi Chewakin, Mike Huckabee and Cliff Korf attended the Nebraska Academy of PAS (NAPA) conference in Kearney, Neb., from April 11-14. As president of NAPA, Chewakin presided over the annual general membership meeting of the state academy. About 60 PA students attended the event, which featured presentations on continuing medical education. Union College PA students Jonathan Kilstrom, Megan Leveranz, Brian Meusborn, Kaitlyn Peterson and Elizabeth Snead were each awarded $1,000 scholarships from NAPA, which provided ten scholarships in all. The top scholarship award, which receives special recognition, went to Jonathan Kilstrom. This is the first time a Union College student has received this special award.
- The PA Program has selected a new class of 30 students to begin studies in August 2012. This will be the second class of 30 students, an increase from the previous
years’ limit of 25 students. The new class includes eight men and 22 women. Union College had 346 applicants this year, an increase from last year’s 320.

A research article by Mike Huckabee titled “Examining Intercultural Sensitivity and Competency of Physician Assistant Students” will print in an upcoming issue of Journal of Allied Health. The paper was co-authored by Gina Matkin, assistant professor at UNL, and measures the gain of cultural competency in Union College PA students that have both structured instruction and diverse clinical experiences.

Ben Tyner, assistant professor of history, was named Teacher of the Year at ASB’s “Passing of the Torch” convocation. In terms of the number of students in classes, Tyner carries one of the heaviest loads on campus, and students appreciate that he “makes mundane facts interesting.” Salvador Moguel was named the library’s 2012 Teacher of the Year. As a recipient of the award, Moguel will receive a $500 allocation from the library’s collection development budget to choose new materials for the library during the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Michael Steingas noticed that Union Market is striving to place recycling bins in convenient places for students and its employees. He would like to give them a thumbs-up for making campus more environmentally friendly.

The Union College Alumni Association board members would like to thank everyone on behalf of all the out-of-town guests for their hospitality during Homecoming weekend.

Words From the Wise

“War does not determine who is right—only who is left.” —Bertrand Russell

“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately true.” —C. S. Lewis

McClelland Art Exhibit

Kristina Pastor, senior graphic design major, is currently displaying her senior art exhibit in the McClelland Art Gallery until April 22. The exhibit is entitled “Beauty is in the Eyes of the Beholder,” and features work from throughout her college experience. “I’m exhibiting a little of everything,” she said. “I like to do all kinds of different art and not focus on just one specific theme.

I think that if you look at any picture you can find a kind of beauty in it some way.”

Rosanna Hardin, senior psychology major, will display her senior art exhibit in the McClelland Art Gallery from April 22-29. There will be an opening reception from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on April 22.

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, April 19:

6:30 p.m. Justin Strom will present his research on the arsenic levels in the Jorgensen Hall's taxidermy collection in room 300 of Jorgensen Hall.

7:00 p.m. George Stone Elementary School's spring program, directed by Tommy Kennedy, senior music education major, will feature a collection of skits and music held in the Rees Hall Chapel.

Friday, April 20:

12:00 p.m. Union Scholars students will present posters of their research projects in the Ortner Center lobby. The students will then give presentations of their research in the Shawnee-Porter Care Conference Room.

1:30 p.m. Morgan Frasure will present her work, “the Pre-Health Shadowing Program Guidebook.”

2:15 p.m. Elena Moral will present her work, “What's in Your Food? Testing for the Presence of Genetic Modifications in Organic and Name-brand Grocery Store Foods.”

3:00 p.m. Anna Romuald will present her work, “Get Your Hands Dirty: The Integration of Practical Experience within Undergraduate Theological Education.”

3:45 p.m. Kylie Lowe will present her work, “Knowledge and Acceptance of Lesbian and Gay People: An Exploratory Study.”

4:30 p.m. Becky Reaves will present her work, “The Effects of Breast Feeding Education on the Miskito Native Women in Nicaragua.”

5:15 p.m. Chris Daum will present his work, “Didactic Knowledge Retention Rates of International Rescue and Relief Students.”

8:00 p.m. Vespers will feature a spring concert by Unionaires and the Octet in the sanctuary of CVC.

Saturday, April 21:

8:00 p.m. V2 will feature the Concert Winds Spring Concert in the Union College gym.

Sunday, April 22:

10:00 a.m. The PA department will serve brunch in Union Market to raise money for a mission trip to Peru. There will be free blood pressure checks and a jar for donations. Everyone is welcome.

12:30 p.m. Addi Hudgins and Tommy Kennedy present a vocal recital in Engel Recital Hall. Everyone is welcome.

2:00 p.m. Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert will be in the sanctuary at CVC and feature a solo by Larissa Gensolin.

4:00 p.m. The Western-themed spring banquet will take place in the Historic Barns at the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City. Visit the ASB website for directions.

Tuesday, April 24:

10:30 a.m. Chapel will feature a dedication of the 2012-2013 student missionaries and task force workers.

7:00 p.m. Lincolnites Interested in Perpetuating Storytelling (LIPS) will meet in the Shawnee-Porter Care Conference Room of the Ortner Center.

Thursday, April 26:

5:30 p.m. DeAnna Drake will present her research on Lou Gehrig's disease in room 300 of Jorgensen Hall.

Friday, April 27:

8:00 p.m. Vespers will feature a “summation of the year” service, featuring Buell Fogg as the key speaker.

Saturday, April 28:

8:00 p.m. V2 ASB Yearlook will feature a look back at the school year and the presentation of yearbooks.

Sunday, April 29:

Last day to submit applications for the 2012 Union College Board of Trustees Writing Awards. Work can be submitted online at www.ucollege.edu/writing-awards.

Wednesday, May 2:

Grades due for 2012 graduates

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